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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN AUGUST

About 4,386,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during August at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in July--amounting to 4,934,000 pounds--this represents a decrease of only 548,000 pounds; receipts for August of this year, however, are 746,000 pounds higher than those of August 1940. Receipts for the first eight months of 1941 amount to 41,544,000 pounds--an increase of 4,742,000 pounds, or 13 percent, over the total of 36,802,000 pounds for the same eight months in 1940.

During August 1941, 79 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 22 States, Alaska, and 7 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,034,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,910,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 442,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,263,000 pounds of the total August receipts; 1,123,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia, which sent in 658,000 pounds, mostly halibut; of this total 606,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during August were lake trout, fresh and frozen (520,000 pounds); yellow perch (343,000 pounds); whitefish, fresh and frozen (256,000 pounds); lake herring (131,000 pounds); and carp (124,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were fresh and frozen halibut (550,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (503,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 176,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 103,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; 69,000 pounds of sea scallops; 40,000 pounds of hard clams; and 24,000 pounds of lobsters

Massachusetts (1,110,000 pounds); Wisconsin (486,000 pounds); Michigan (396,000 pounds); Ohio (299,000 pounds); New York (242,000 pounds); Minnesota (191,000 pounds); and Iowa, with 103,000 pounds, were the leading States sending fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 1,990,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by truck during August; 1,507,000 pounds by express; and the remainder of 889,000 pounds by freight.